

January 4, 2006

Patrick Gallivan, Conservation Agent
Sandra D. MacFarlane, Secretary

Others present: _____ Attached List _____

DISCUSSION:

Eagle Scout candidate **Chris Wolongevicz** also made a final presentation of his project that involved repair and replacement of signage and information kiosks located on several Conservation parcels. Commissioners who viewed the signage on site noted the success of the project and it's value to the Town. Chair Stephen O'Leary presented Chris with a Certificate of Achievement from the Commission, noting great appreciation.

Scout Master David Sawin presented a general proposal for future Eagle Scout projects that included general cleanup and improvement of facilities, such as park benches, tables and metal grills at Luddam's Ford Park. Two Eagle Scout candidates, Greg MacDonald and Scott MacDonald were present to explain specifics. Scott related that Victor Diniak, DPW Superintendent, has also approved of his proposal and he continued to encourage increased use of the park. It was noted that other Town departments should be notified for various reasons. Commissioner Laura Horky offered to liaison with both the Conservation Commission and the Open Space Committee on future Eagle Scout Projects. Pat Gallivan, Conservation Agent will coordinate with Scout Leader David Sawin for discussion of the current proposals. The Commission looks forward to improvements at Luddam's Ford and noted support for future eagle scout projects.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS:

7:30 PM **SE 31-891, Bickford's Fam. Restaurant- NOI** *cont'd from 11/16/05 meeting FOR SUBDIVISION*

PRESENT: Claudia Krug, Wind River Environmental

DISCUSSION: Ms. Krug presented a revised plan. She explained that the LID technique of incorporating a rain garden on site was not feasible due to the elevation change necessary to create a functioning rain garden. It was also noted that although a stockpile area remained on the plan, all contaminated soils were to be taken off site. The Commission questioned the revised design and suggested discussion with the DPW concerning catch basins on Woodland Ave. and other design ideas to decrease the flow to the wetlands located at the rear of the building. The Agent to research possible curb cut, use of existing structures such as catch basins, etc. with DPW and confer with Ms. Krug.

VOTE: SO- yes; JS- yes; NM- yes; DM- yes; LH- yes: **to continue the hearing to 1/18/06 at 7:30 PM with the necessity of a revised plan.**

7:30 PM **SE 31-889, 639 Whiting St.- NOI-** *continued from 12/7/05 meeting FOR TEST PITS AND WETLAND LINES*

PRESENT: James O'Brien, Property Owner, Attorney Robert Tombari, Bradley McKenzie, McKenzie Engineering Group, Applicant's Representative.

DISCUSSION: Mr. McKenzie presented a revised plan as per the 12/5/05 and 12/30/05 letters from Lenore White, Commission's Wetland Consultant. Stream calculations and photos showing the streambed in a non-flow condition were presented. From the documents presented, Ms. White's opinion as to the stream status was noted as Intermittent. The Commission raised several issues concerning estimated habitat of rare species, size of excavator, and path of access into the upland area. The proposed stream crossing method, including a variable path of access through smaller vegetation to minimize impacts to the resource areas was explained. Mr. O'Brien granted permission for the Agent to be on-site for determination of the access path and noted that a licensed soils evaluator will be on site for the test pits.

Abutter Bradley Barr, raised several questions including alternate access points, historical value of stone walls on Whiting Street, and questioned requirements for "scenic roads". Mr. McKenzie explained why alternative access points were not feasible. Mr. O'Brien noted his intention to rebuild the stone walls. Mr. Barr noted his 15 year residency and added that a *no-* or *low-flow* condition of the stream had not been witnessed. The requirements necessary for determining stream status were explained by the Chair, and it was noted that the Applicant had submitted the required evidence. Mr. Tombari stated that he would be available for Mr. Barr to review the plans or for any other concerns. It was agreed that Mr. Barr's property lines will be clearly staked at the southeast corner prior to any activity on site.

VOTE: SO- yes; JS- yes; NM- yes; DM- yes; LH- yes: **to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions with the following additional conditions:**

- *that no filling is to take place on the site,*
- *survey stakes are to be placed at the southeast corner of Mr. Barr's property,*
- *a revised plan to be submitted with revisions concerning reasonable restoration of disturbed areas using methods and appropriate vegetation as per Lenore White's 12/30/05 letter as a guide, and*
- *site inspection conducted by Conservation Agent prior to activities on site to determine access pathway.*

ACTION ITEMS

1. **SE 31-772, 101 Industrial Way-** request for Certificate of Compliance (COC) w/est. of Escrow
VOTE: SO- yes; JS- yes; NM- yes; DM- yes; LH- yes: **to issue COC and establish Esc. account.**
2. **SE 31-781, 61 Stone Meadow Lane-** request for COC
VOTE: SO- yes; JS- yes; NM- yes; DM- yes; LH- yes: **to issue a COC.**
3. **SE 31-684, Spring Meadows Subdivision-** request for a 2 year Extension Permit
VOTE: SO- yes; JS- yes; NM- yes; DM- yes; LH- yes: **to issue a two year Extension Permit.**
4. **SE 31-702, 28 Deerfield Lane-** request for release of Escrow Funds
VOTE: SO- yes; JS- yes; NM- yes; DM- yes; LH- yes: **to release funds.**
5. **SE 31-849, 166 Water Street-** Reminder- DEP site inspection 1/6/06 @ 9:30 AM
DECISION: Agent and Commission members O'Leary, Horky, and Moore to attend, noting that site inspection has already been posted with the Town Clerk.

OPEN SPACE UPDATE: Commissioner Laura Horky updated the Commission on current Open Space topics including available grants, use of Conservation Score Card in determination of open space purchases, and Forge Pond Bridge.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

- ☒ Approval of Minutes for 12/7/05 meeting - approved.
- ☒ Review revision for 11/16/05 minutes as per NHESP - Due to a request from NHESP, the 11/16/05 minutes were reconsidered and approved with a minor revision.
- ☒ Sign Bills- approved and signed.
- ☒ Review Correspondence- reviewed.
- ☒ Equipment Replacement/ Office Inventory- Secretary to prepare a memo to Board of Selectmen requesting use of 131.40 funds for replacement of missing items to be submitted at next meeting for approval.
- ☒ Conservation Staff Report- Agent and Secretary reported on current and upcoming issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Minutes Respectfully submitted
Sandra D. MacFarlane, Conservation Commission Secretary